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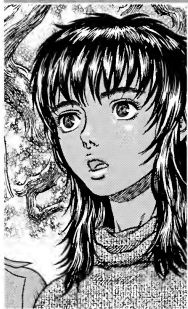
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キャスカ Casca

Former unit commander of the Band of the Hawk; mentally regressed from her experience in the eclipse. She now neither speaks nor conveys any feelings. Her brand, which reacts to evil, is narrowly shielded by Flora's talisman.



ファルネーゼ Farnese

Former commander of the holy see's Holy Iron Chain Knights, and daughter of the Vandimion family, one of influential status and wealth in the religious sphere. She seeks to learn from Guts her own means of survival, and about the reality of the world.



イシドロ Isidro

Dreams of being the "ultimate swordsman," but his actual talent, not up to snuff, repeatedly endangers him. Nevertheless, the boy endeavors toward his dream. He is currently equipped with a fetish granted the protection of fire elementals.



バック Puck

An elf who's long been with Guts on his journeys. His dust has the power to heal wounds. He confirmed that he's a wind spirit, and he also changes into Chestnut Puck.

ガッツ Guts

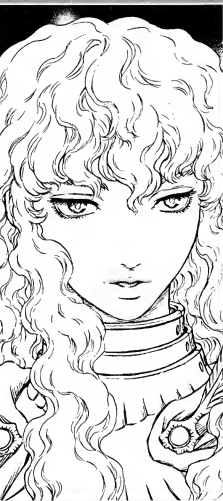
The main character of the story, the Black Swordsman. He exists in the Interstice, wears the Berserker armor, and his soul is constantly torn between protecting Casca and challenging Griffith. That struggle is nothing short of sublime.





セルピコ Serpico

Attendant of Farnese, and actually her brother. However, she is not aware of the blood relationship. He is skilled in fighting, and currently clad in a fetish granted the protection of wind elementals.



シールケ Schierke

Disciple of Flora, witch of the spirit tree mansion. She supports Cuts and the others through her use of magic; however, among her spells are some beyond her mastery, which occasionally place her in great peril as she tries to aid her allies. She has a stilted side to her personality.



グリフィス Griffith

Through the eclipse of the crimson beheit, he was reborn as Femto of the Godhand. Later he was incarnated in the imitation eclipse catalyzed by the egg-shaped apostle, thus returning to the physical world, in which he became the "absolute," without equal. He leads the reborn Band of the Hawk.

ロデリック Roderick

A naval ship captain and third in line to the royal throne of lith, a maritime power within the domain of the Holy See. He is a friend of Farnese's brother, and has become her fiancé.





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灼熱灣

BROILING BAY

WHAT A
STENCH.

THEY'VE
GATHERED AGAIN.
THERE'S NO END
TO THE DAMN
THINGS.

WAIT!!

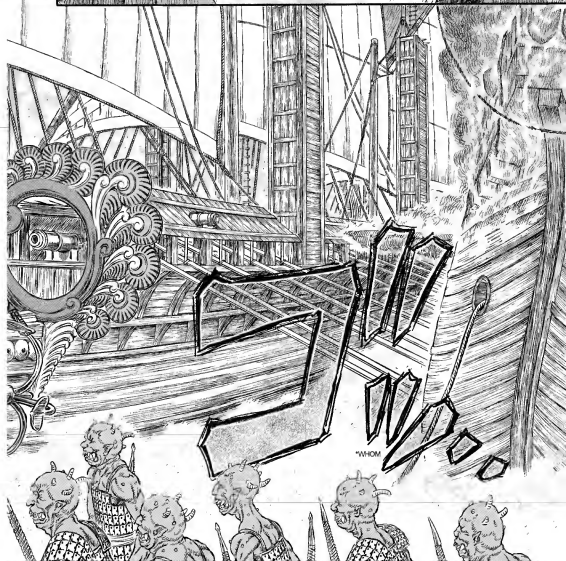
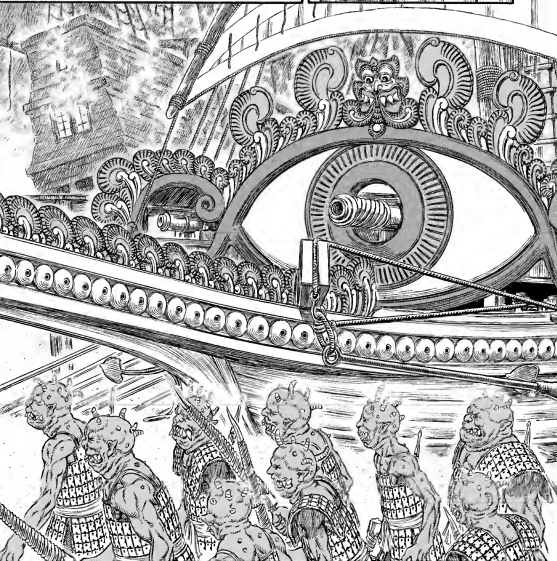
ANYWAY,
WE'RE SET ONCE
WE BOARD THE
BARGE. THEY WON'T
FOLLOW US OUT
TO SEA.

?!

THE
HARBOR IS
SWIRLING
WITH AN
ENORMOUS
MASS OF
WICKEDNESS.

I WAS
CARELESS.
I WAS SO
PREOCCUPIED
WITH BATTLE
THAT I
CEASED
SENSING
OD.







*FX: CHONNK

*FX: ZHA





**YOU
MUST
NEVER...!**

THEY'LL
NOTICE
US IF YOU
SHOUT!

**NOT
THAT
...!**



GLITS...



**Y-YOU
MUSTN'T!**



**...IT'S
ALL
WE'VE
GOT.**

**RIGHT
NOW...**



**P-PLEASE,
DO NOT SAY
THAT SO
LIGHTLY!**



**HELL, JUST
WAIT FOR THE
RIGHT MOMENT.
THEN BRING ME
BACK TO MY
SENSES.**

**YES,
BUT...**

**YOU KNOW THAT
IF WE JUMP
INTO THIS MANY
OF THEM,
SOMEBODY'LL
GET HURT.**

YOU
MUSTN'T
JUST--

THIS IS
YOUR
OWN
BODY AT
STAKE.

.....

ANOTHER
FLOOD?!

LEAVE
THIS TO
ME.

PLEASE
...

THEY'LL
C-COME IF WE
DON'T DO
SOMETHING...!

H-
HEY!

.....

YOU
SURE
ABOUT
THIS?

BUT,
SCHIERKE,
YOU CAN
HARDLY
HEAR THE
SPIRITS'
VOICES
HERE.

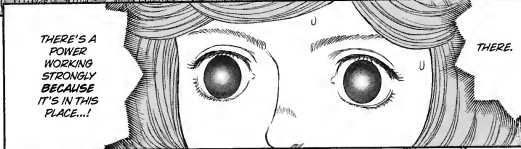
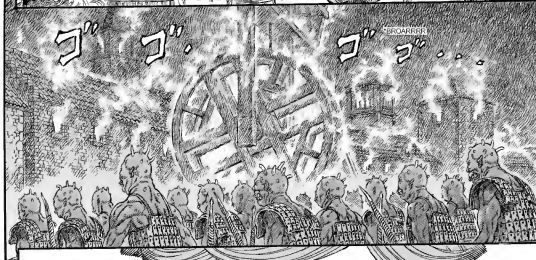
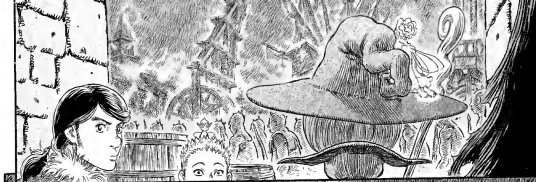
UNLIKE IN
FORESTS AND
MOUNTAINS, THE
SPIRIT PRESENCE
IN THIS CITY'S
REALLY WEAK, SO
BIG SPELLS AND
SUCH'RE HARD
TO CAST.

WHAT'S
THAT
MEAN?

BE THE
WORKINGS OF
THEIR POWERS
GREAT OR
SMALL, NO
PLACE EXISTS
WHERE THERE
ARE NO SPIRITS
WHATSOEVER.

SOME-
THING
MUST...

NO, I AM
SURE
THERE IS
A WAY.





PLEASE
GUARD ME
FOR A BIT.



...PERFORM
THE RITUAL.

I WILL
NOW...



THEY'RE
HERE!

GO!
GO!
GO!

"SWARM"



I'LL
TAKE THE
HARBOR.

YOU
GUYS TAKE
THOSE.
IT'S TOO
NARROW
FOR ME.

BUT,
GUYS...

W-WILL
THIS
WORK?

...BUT DO YOU
GUYS SERIOUSLY
THINK THAT GIRL CAN
HANDLE A GROUP
THAT LARGE ON
HER OWN?

I KNOW
MAGIC IS
INCRED-
IBLE...

JUST
HIDE YOU
DON'T GET
CAUGHT
UP IN IT
TOO.

SHE MAY NOT
LOOK IT, BUT
SHE'S A WALKIN'
WEAPON OF MASS
DESTRUCTION.

YEAH,
I
KNOW.

NOW
THEY'VE
SEEN US
TOO!

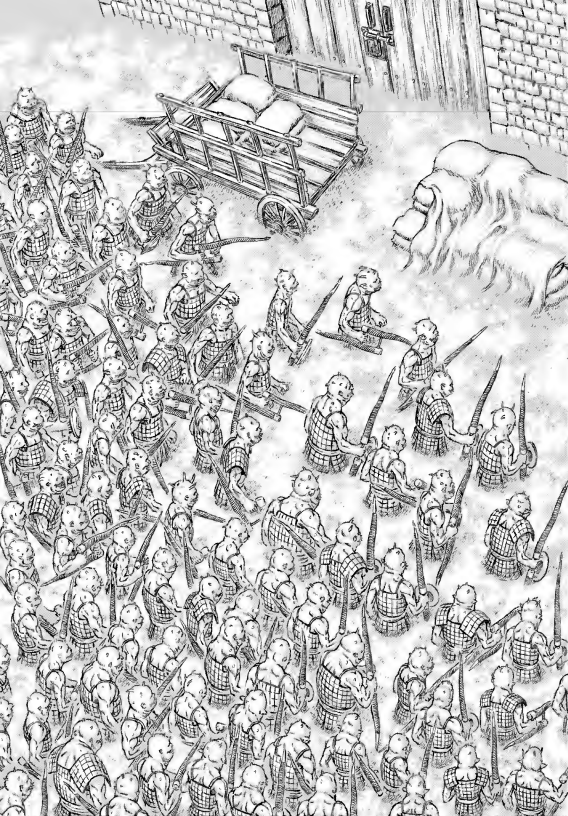
W-WE'RE
TRAPPED...

All thanks
to your sacrifice,
my dear...

"VNGEE"

"VNGEE"

"VNGEE"







THEY WERE
SET BY HUMAN
HANDS TO BURN
AWAY ENEMIES,
THE CITY,
PEOPLE...

HELL
FIRE.

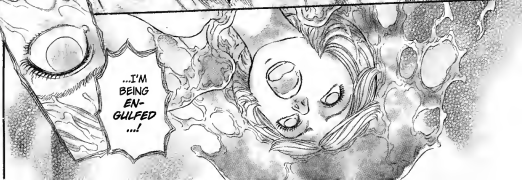
THESE
ARE NOT
FLAMES OF
NATURE.



IT'S LIKE
PURGATORY
ITSELF...

WHAT A
SPECTACLE.

VOOOSH

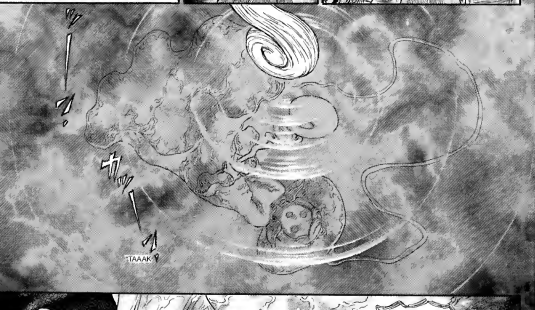


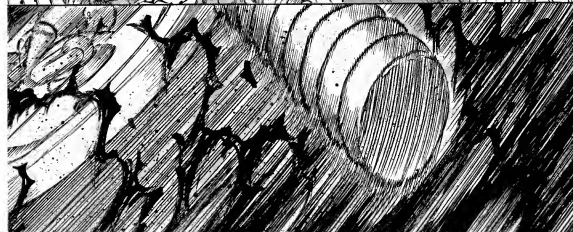
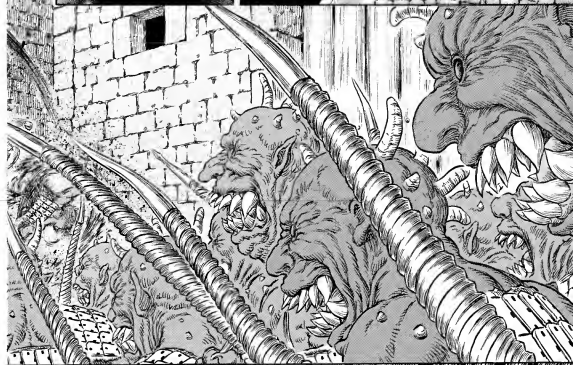
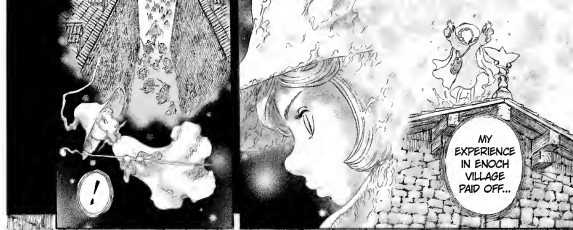
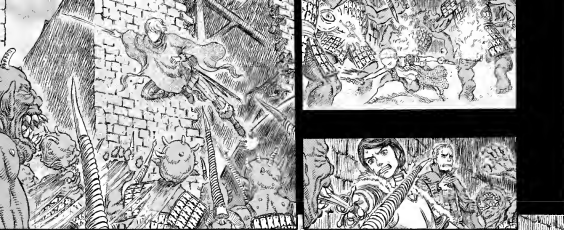
...I'M
BEING
EN-
GULFED
...!

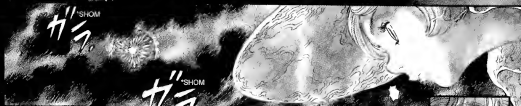
TEACH-
ER!

SCHERKE!

*FLINCH









I
W-WANT
TO GO
HOME...

THEIR
STUPIDITY
IS A SMALL
BLESSING.
THEY JOSTLE
AND JAM
UP.

WOW, DO THEY
EVER SWARM...
I THINK THERE'RE
LESS RATS IN
THIS HARBOR.

AGHHH!
MAAAA!
THIS
NEVER
ENDS!

BLAZE ROD

火炎輪(ブレイズ・ロッド)



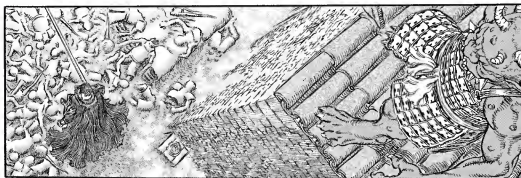
SUCH IS
THE WAY OF
ANCIENT SUPER
TECHNIQUES.

HER CRAZY
SKILLS'RE
CRAZY
POWERFUL...

DON'T GET
Distracted
OR THEY'LL
GET YOU!

...BUT IT
SUCKS,
HOW LONG
THEY TAKE
TO USE.

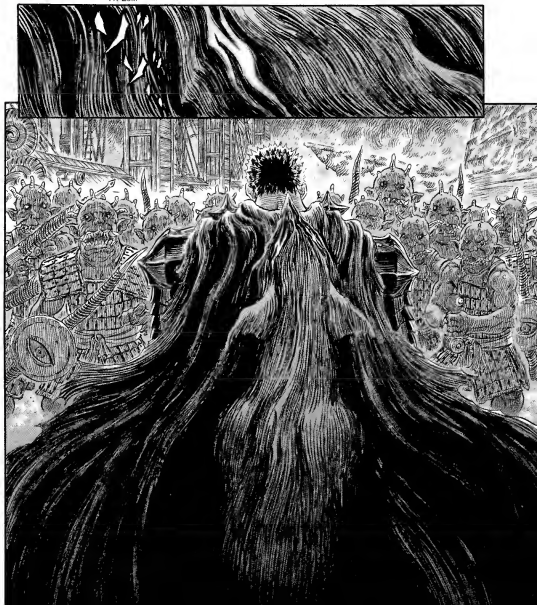




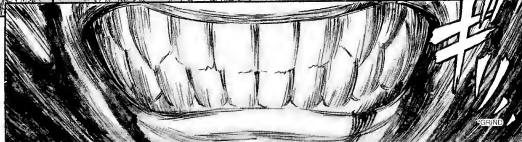




FX ZOM











*FX. RORRRR





**I AM KIN TO
THE SCORCHING
BLAZE THAT
DRIVES HELL
FIRE AND BURNS
AWAY THE
BATTLEFIELD.**

**I AM
CALLED
THE
WHEEL OF
FLAME.**

*BWOORRRISH



BEH!
HOT
HOT
HOT!

TALK
ABOUT
HOT AIR.

WHAT THE
HELL'S SHE
SUMMONED
THIS TIME?



HERE
DO I
GRANT
THE...

...
SUPPLICATION
OF THIS
FRAIL SOUL.

AS MY
OFFERING
TO HER,
I SHALL
RENDER...

...HER
ENEMIES
EMBERS
BENEATH A
CRIMSON
RUT.

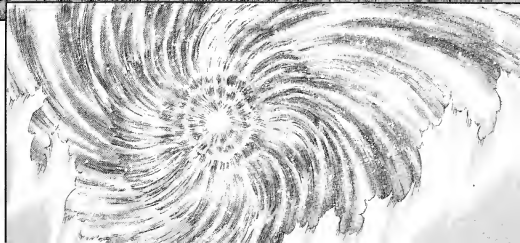
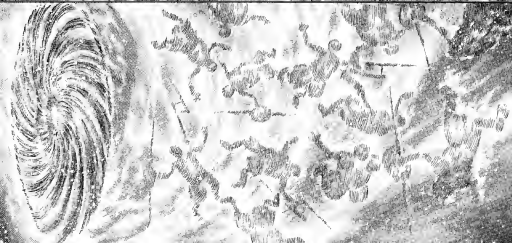
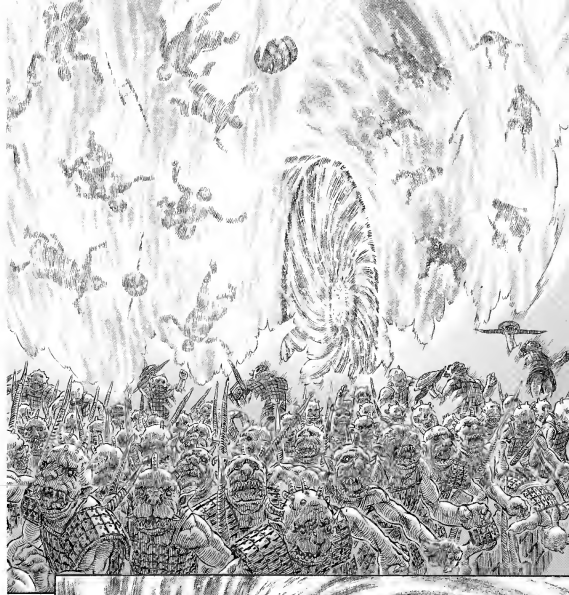
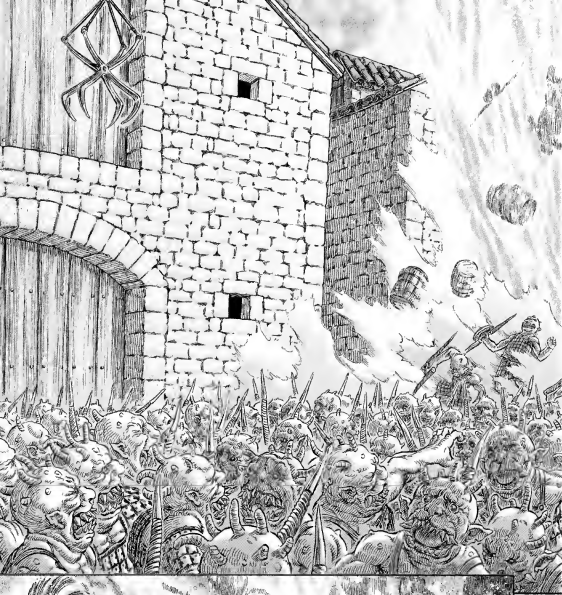
*FX WAAAVE



*FX SHHHHH









HEY,
DISAS-
TER
GIRL!

QUIT TWIRLIN'
AROUND! THIS AIN'T
GONNA WORK IF YOU
GET BURNED TOO!



GET
BETWEEN
THE
STORE-
HOUSES
...!

WE'LL BE
CINDERS
TOO IF
WE STAY
HERE!

A WH-
WHEEL
OF
FLAME
...?!



IT'S
FLAMIN'
HELL THIS
TIME?!

NOW SHE'S
A HUMAN
DISASTER
AREA.



SCHERKE!

HEY,
LIZARDS!

YOU
TRYIN'
TO DEFY
ME?!
DON'TCHA
SEE
THIS?!

YOU GOT
A LOW
CANDYBARA
GUE



UH-
OH.

SHIT
!!

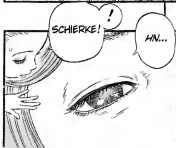
*FX. BRIMBLE



'FWOM



*LUNGE



WHAT
ABOUT
THE
OTHERS
...?

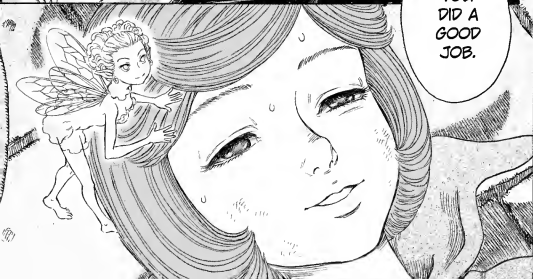
GUTS...



WE'RE
ALL SAFE.
JUST
A LITTLE
SINGED.



YOU
DID A
GOOD
JOB.



**SWORD
BEAST**

剣 獣

BERSERK



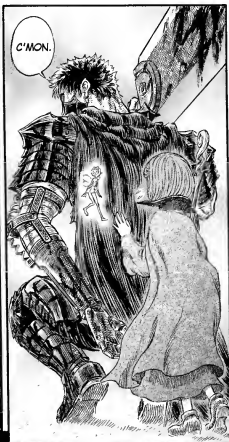
NOW
LET'S SAY
GOODBYE TO
THIS BURNT
FIELD AND HAVE
OURSELVES
A LUXURY
CRUISE!

YEAH.

SEND-
CIDE



DON'T
PUSH TOO
HARD.



C'MON.



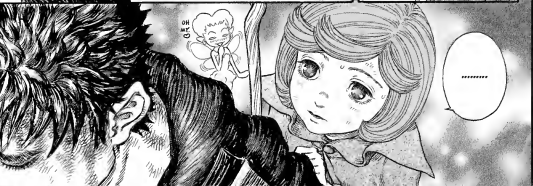
YEAH,
I'M FINE.

CAN
THE TWO
OF YOU
MOVE?



*FX
STAGGER

AH...



OH
MY

REVEREND

ALL THE
BOATS
AROUND
HERE'RE
BURNT
TO A
CRISP.



WELL,
FORGET
THIS.

AH, YOU
HARDLY
WEIGH
MORE THAN
A BIRD.

I'M SORRY.
YOU'RE
UNSTEADY
YOURSELF,
GUTS...

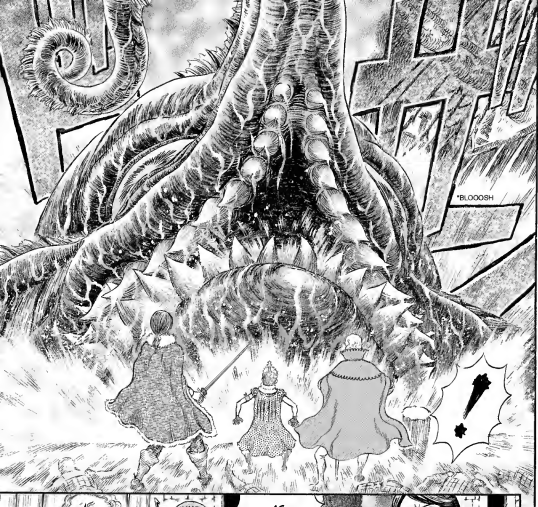


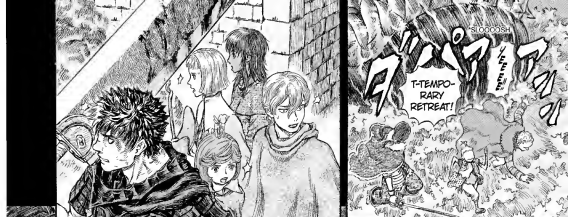
I DON'T CARE
HOW MANY DAYS
I'LL BE SEASICK
IF IT'LL GET ME
OUT OF THIS
HELL...

FOR ALL WE
KNOW, MORE
MONSTERS'RE
COMING ASHORE.
WE'D BETTER
HURRY AND
FIND A BARGE.

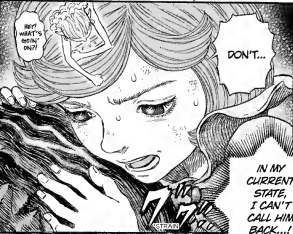


YOU
GUYS,
GET
BACK
!!











"ROWR"

"BACHING"

"BOUND"









"ROOOO"



"X. CHINK



"X. CHUFF



"ZHAHA

"SPRING



*FX: ZSSSH

*CHOK



*SHMMP



*SHRRROO

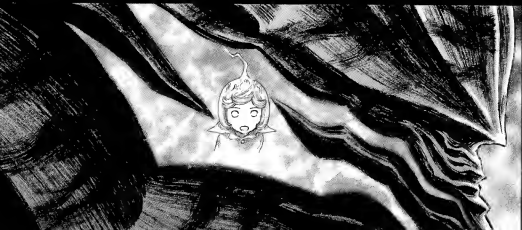








PARAMARISHA SEN'AN'I (WIZARD GENERAL)





WAS I
DRAWN
IN?!

WITHIN
GUTS.

IT
COULD
ONLY
BE...
...
WITHIN
THE
ARMOR
...

AND
THEN...?!

I WAS
CLINGING
TO
GUTS...
WHAT'S
HAPPENING
HERE?!

"CHHHHNN

ゴ
オ
オ
オ
オ
オ...

.....!!



...GUTS'
PERCEPTION
WHILE CLAD
IN THE
BERSERKER
ARMOR...!!

THIS
IS...







*FX. PLASSSH



IF WE
PUT TO SEA
NOW, WE'D
JUST BE
CAPSIZED.

WILD!!
A BLOODY
SPRAY FROM
A BLOODY
SEA!

A
TUNA
DISSEC-
TION
SHOW.



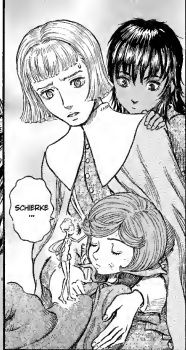
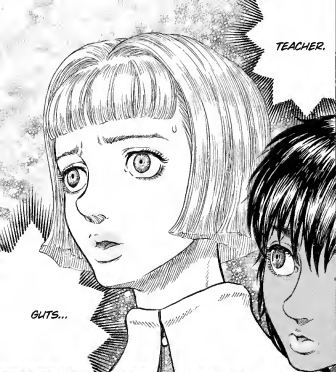
THAT'S HOW
GUTS IS
WHEN *THIS*
HAPPENS.

YEAH, BUT
HE WON'T
STOP 'TIL
HE DEALS
WITH ALL
OF 'EM.



...HIS
BLADE
WILL
TURN TO
FACE...

AND
WHEN HE'S
DEFEATED
ALL HIS
ENEMIES...







*FX VSSSSH

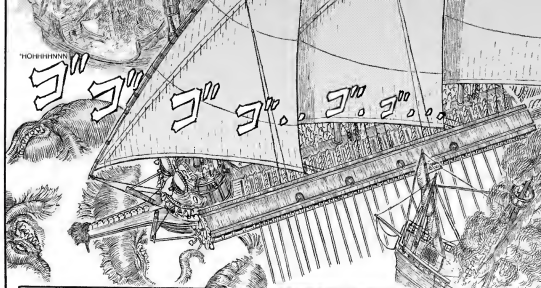


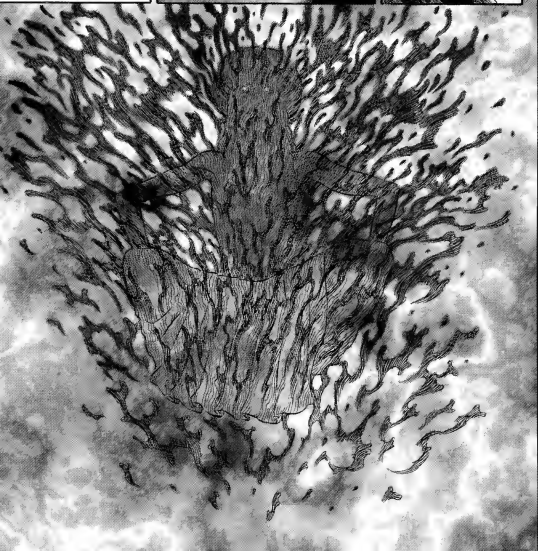
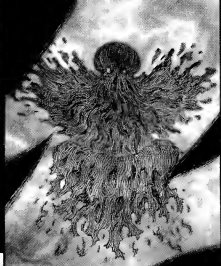
*BLASSSH

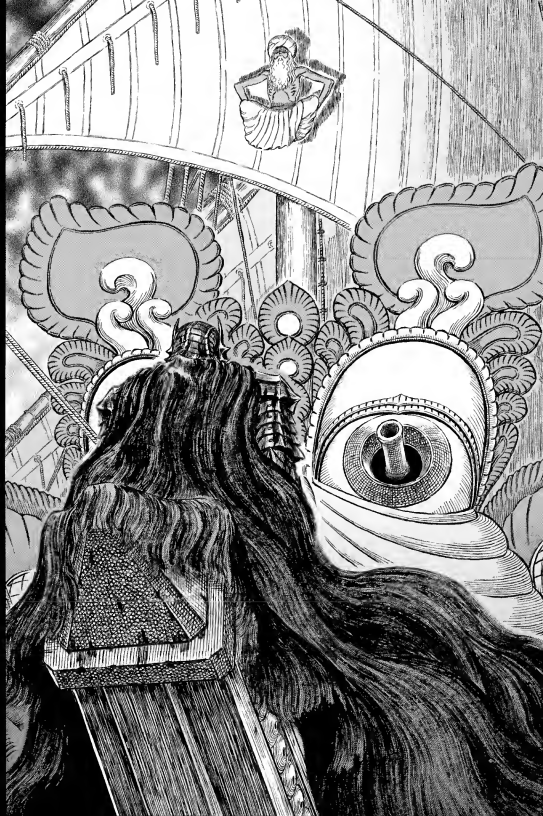












WHAT'S MORE,
WHAT MANAGED TO
KILL THEM WAS
NO LARGE HOST,
BUT JUST A LONE
SWORDSMAN?

ONE MAKARA,
THE CHIEF OF
PISHACA, CAN SINK
TEN WARSHIPS,
YET THEY WERE
ALL SLAUGHTERED
WITH EASE...



HE IS
SAYING
SOME-
THING...
NOT THAT I
UNDERSTAND
THE KUSHAN
LANGUAGE.

HOW
IMPUDENT,
FOR A
ROMAN.

WHAT
NOW--
SOME KINDA
PHANTOM?

BUT
I'M USED
TO IT, SO
IT'S NO
SURPRISE.

FLOAT-
ING...?!

A H-
HUMAN'S
FLO--





IS
THAT...?



GRRRRR
7
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0
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I CAN'T
JUST CALL
YOU A
SWORDSMAN,
EH?

HIM...
I
SUPPOSE...



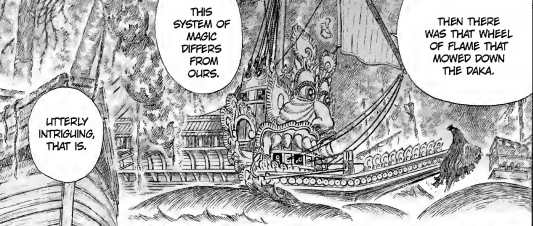
WELL
I'LL BE
DAMNED!



YOU WRAP
YOURSELF
IN THE
PRANA OF
DURGA?!



HOW
NOW!!



LITTERLY
INTRIGUING,
THAT IS.

THIS
SYSTEM OF
MAGIC
DIFFERS
FROM
OURS.

THEN THERE
WAS THAT WHEEL
OF FLAME THAT
MOWED DOWN
THE DAKA.



HE'S A
MAGIC
USER!!

I'M
SURE OF
IT NOW...



...SUBMIT MY
OWN SPELLS FOR
THE SAKE OF
ASCERTAINING WHAT
INCANTATIONS YOU
SAVAGES CAN
PERFORM.

I,
**PARAMARISHA
SEN'AN'I DAIBA,**
KUSHAN PISHACA
GANA LEADER...

**EASTERN
MAGIC**

東方魔術

BERSERK



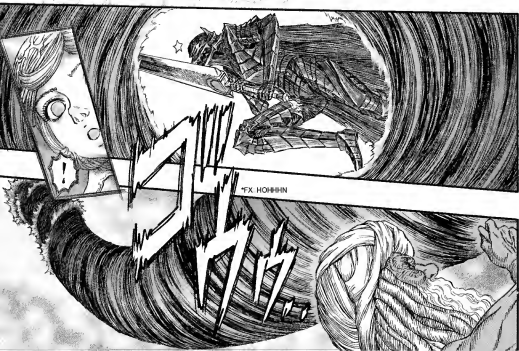
OH
NO!

IF HE
ATTACKS A
WIZARD
RECK-
LESSLY...

"SPRING

"TUNK







FX OHHHH



HE
HARDLY
EVEN
CHANTED A
SPELL...

WHAT
POWER...



WATER-
SPOILT?!



**...THIS
EASTERN
WIZARD
HAS!**



**OH NO!!
IF HE FALLS
FROM THIS
HEIGHT, NOT
EVEN WATER
WILL SAVE
HIM....!!**





HEAR ME,
GUTS' PERCEPTION,
DISTORTED
THROUGH THE
TURBULENCE
OF ENMITY...

LOOK
...

OPEN
YOUR
EYES.





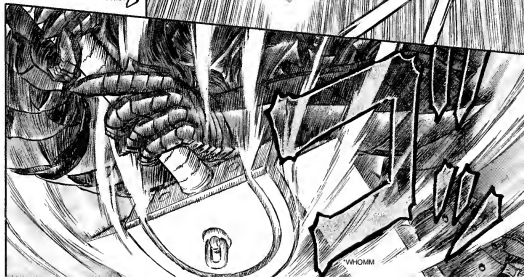
YOUNG'UNS
THESE
DAYS...

ALL
TOO
EASY.

...ARE
SUCH A
JOKE.



*TWIST



*WHOM





'ZHOON



'CHOK

'KRAK

HE
TURNED
...?!

'SNAKKT

'ZHOOMP



*SHMP

*KRASSH



EVEN SO,
IT MUST
HAVE BEEN
A ROUGH
LANDING.

HE USED HIS
SWORD TO
HARNESS WIND
PRESSURE
AND DIRECT
HIS FALL.



HOW
IMPU-
DENT.

SOME-
THING'S
NOT
RIGHT.

WHAT'S
HAP-
PEN-
ING?

AWESOME!
HE JUST
TURNED!
IN MIDAIR!
LIKE
SERPICO!



HOW.



THAT
WAS
QUICK
TACK.

WAS IT
BERSERKER
INSTINCT...

...OR
SOME-
THING
ELSE...?



THAT'S NOT
SOMETHING
AN OLD MAN
COULD DO.

SO,
YOUR
TENACITY
IS YOUR
FORTUNE.

HOHO...



SO...
HOW
ABOUT
THIS?





*FX Z-EA



*FX HOHHNNN





CRAP!
EVEN IF A
WATER-
SPOUT
DOESN'T
GET HIM...

THESE'RE
SOME
ROUGH
SEAS!

...JUST FALLIN'
IN THE WATER
WITH THE ARMOR
ON'LL FINISH
HIM OFF!





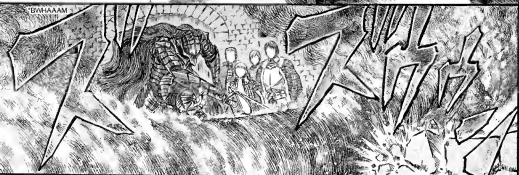


GUTS!!



*FX BLEED





HE ALSO
JUST PRO-
TECTED US
ALL...

BUT...



WELL, GREAT, WE'LL
HAVE HIM PROP UP
THE MASTS DURING
STORMS.

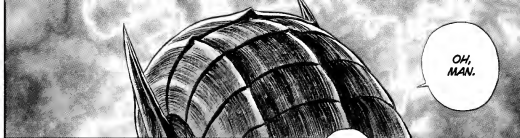
A MAIN
MAST TAKES
DOZENS
OF PEOPLE
USING A
CRANE
JUST TO
LIFT.

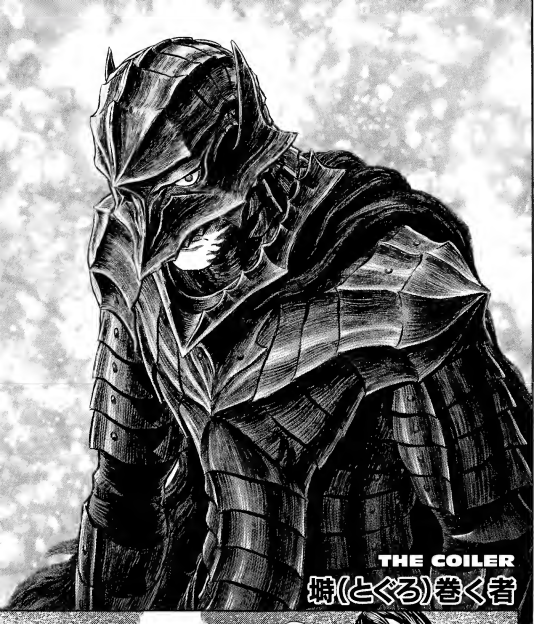
WOW
BUT...

KNOCK
IT OFF!
RIGHT NOW
GUTS'S--

I'M
COM-
PLETELY
FLOORED
!

HEY,
MAN!
YOU'RE
SOME-
THING
ELSE!





THE COILER

塙(とぐる)巻く者

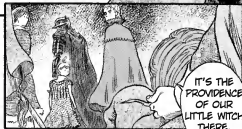


YOU'RE
YOUR-
SELF
AGAIN?!

GLITS!



GETTING
HIT WITH
THAT STICK
REALLY
WOKE ME
UP.



WHEN
YOU'RE
IN THIS
STATE...

BUT,
GLITS...



...ONE
HELL OF A
SPELL-
CASTER.

SHE'S
REALLY...



YOU'RE
WELCOME.





...THIS
SIZZLIN'
FEELIN'
ON THE
BACK OF
MY NECK.

THERE'S NO
MISTAKIN'...

...OR A
FREAK
DIRECTLY
CONNECTED
TO THEM.

HE'S
EITHER AN
APOSTLE...

...I'LL
KILL HIM
MYSELF...

IN THAT
CASE...





FA GRRR





FLYIN' AROUND'S SUPPOSED TO BE YOUR SPECIALTY.

SERPICO.

DON'T HANG BACK HERE.



I UNDERSTAND.



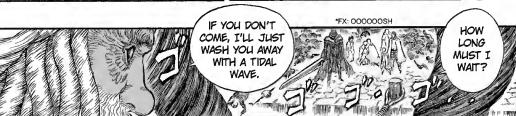
...NO.



NO FAIR! LET ME GO, TOO!

CUT THAT OUT! YOU'LL JUST END UP DROWNING!

THAT FREAKY OLD FART KEEPS SPLASHIN' ME!



IF YOU DON'T COME, I'LL JUST WASH YOU AWAY WITH A TIDAL WAVE.

*FX: 000000SH

HOW LONG MUST I WAIT?



I GUESS OLD PEOPLE GET IMPATIENT.

HE IS SAYING SOMETHING...



THEY
DRAW OUT
THE
ARMOR'S
POWER.

ANGER...
FURY...

...YOU MUST
NEVER YIELD
EVERYTHING
TO THEM.

BUT...

MAKE
YOUR
VOLITION...

...YOUR
PIVOT OF
POWER.



YOU CUT
MY WATER-
SPOUT...?!



*FX WYSSSS



*FX FWSSS







VOMM

HN...!

YANK

FX: JSSH

FX: ZHOON

THAT
TIME I
FELT A BIT
SHAKEN.

7
72
7

FWEE
EE
EE

FX. SHFSHFSH

*note "Vayu" is "wind god"

WHO KNEW I
WOULD MEET
SUCH STRONG
ENEMIES IN
THIS REMOTE
WEST?

KSHATRIYAS
OF BOTH
DURGA AND
VAYU?

WHAT A
THING TO
BEHOLD!

HYO-HYO,
YOU LIVE
AND YOU
LEARN.

ANYHOW,
I WORSHIP
THEM
MORNING AND
EVENING.

HOW-
EVER...

...IF HE
HAS THE
GODS'
PROTECTION,
THE OLD
WILL NOT
LOSE TO THE
YOUNG.

WHORRRRL



GUHAH!

"BANNING



...!



"FX SWIRYYY

"ZHA

"URR...

I'M
THE STAR
HERE,
PAL!!

MISSION
COMPLETE



"BLOOOSH

KABLOO

THAT
WASN'T VERY
POWERFUL,
THOUGH. DID
THE POWDER
GET WET?







....!!



COME
BACK, IT'S
DANGER-
OUS!



BIG
GUY'S
COMING
OUT!

TH-THERE'S
SUCH A
THING AS
TOO BIG!!



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ZZZZFFF

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...THE
KUNDALINI;
THE STRONGEST
OF MY PISHACA
GANA.

I NEVER
THOUGHT
I WOULD
HAVE TO
CALL ON...

...WITHOUT
CHANTING
SPELLS!!

AHA! IT WAS THE
POWER OF THIS
MAGIC BEAST THAT
LET HIM CONTROL
SO MANY WATER-
SPOUTS...

...THEN
ALL THE
MORE
SO.

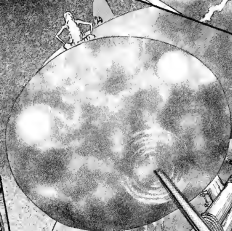
BE CAREFUL!!
THIS IS IN A
DIFFERENT
LEAGUE THAN
THE PREVIOUS
FAMILIARS!!

"SHOCH"

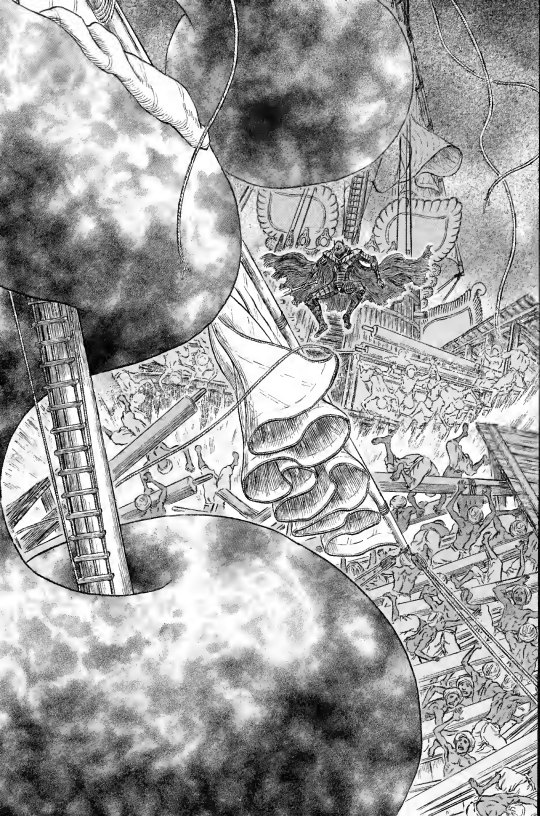
"LUNGE"

...
WATER
?!

CHT CHT CHT CHT CHT



JARRN



**BURSTING
FLAME**

爆 炎

BERSERK



IF THAT
POWER IS
BUNDLED TO
A POINT, LIKE
A NEEDLE...



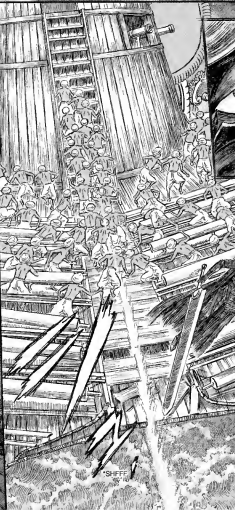
THE
BREAKING
WAVE IS
SAID TO
CRUSH
STONE.

...WATER CAN
BISECT EVEN
DIAMOND.

*FX KRAK



*FX CHT CHT CHT





*FX. THMP

*FX. SPRING

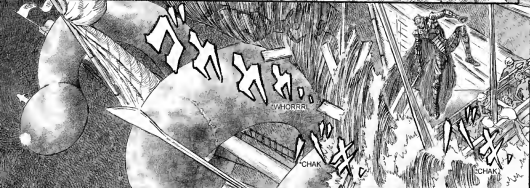


*FX. LEAP



...WATER
CAN'T BE
CUT.

AND...



WHORRR!

CHAK

CHAK

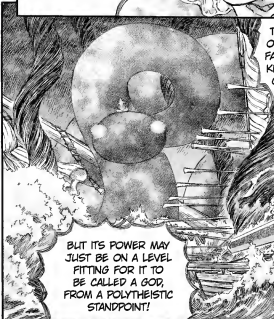


KH...



THAT IS ON
A DIFFERENT
LEVEL THAN
THE ENEMIES
WE HAVE
FOUGHT!

BE
CAREFUL!



THAT ONE IS
OF THE SAME
FAMILY AS THE
KELPIE WATER
CREATURE...

A FAMILIAR
IS NOT
MERELY
A SIMPLE
PROXY!

BUT ITS POWER MAY
JUST BE ON A LEVEL
FITTING FOR IT TO
BE CALLED A GOD,
FROM A POLYTHEISTIC
STANDPOINT!



LOOK,
PLEASE.



SO, IT HAS
MORE THAN
SIZE GOING
FOR IT.



YOU TOO,
SERPICO.



THAT
IS ITS
TRUE
BODY.

CAN YOU
SEE THE
FIGURE
SWIMMING
INSIDE
IT?

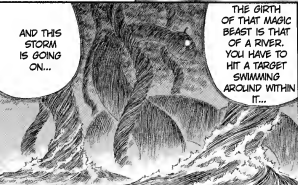
AROUND
THE
MAGIC
BEAST'S
CHEST.

IT IS
SUBDUING
LINDINES'
THROUGH ITS
POWER OF
ENCHANTMENT
TO CREATE
THAT HUGE
FORM AND THE
WATERSPOUTS.

!

CHEST
...?

*note: undines are water elementals



AND THIS
STORM
IS GOING
ON...

THE GIRTH
OF THAT MAGIC
BEAST IS THAT
OF A RIVER.
YOU HAVE TO
HIT A TARGET
SWIMMING
AROUND WITHIN
IT...



SO WHAT
WE NEED TO
DO IS TAKE
THAT OUT.

I
THINK
THAT
WILL BE
DIFFI-
CULT.



LET'S
DO
THIS!

BUT BOATIN'
AROUND
HERE'S NOT
GONNA GET
US ANY-
WHERE.

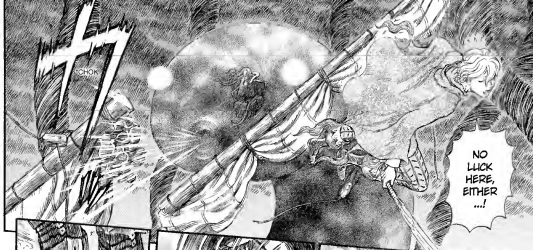




FOOL.
THE WATER
IS THE SAME
AS THE
KUNDALINI'S
BODY.

NOW STAY
DOWN THERE
AND BECOME
FISH FOOD.

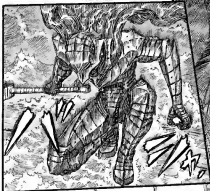




NO
LUCK
HERE,
EITHER
...!



*FX: CHLUF



YEAH.
THERE'S NO PAIN THANKS
TO THE ARMOR,
WHETHER
THAT'S GOOD
OR BAD.

ARE
YOU ALL
RIGHT
?!



...NO BLADE
CAN INJURE
THIS COILING
KUNDALINI.

SO YOU
ESCAPED.

SHOULD
I REQUIRE,
THE SECRETS
OF YOGA ALLOW
ME TO STOP
BREATHING
FOR A SHORT
TIME UNDER-
WATER.

BUT NOW
YOU'VE
REALIZED...

...AND OFFER
YOURSELVES
WILLINGLY AS
SACRIFICES
TO THE
KUNDALINI.

STOP
WASTING
ALL THIS
TIME...

THAT IS
RECKLESS
!

IT WILL
JUST
END THE
SAME
WAY AS
BEFORE!

LOOKS LIKE
I'VE GOTTA
PLUNGE INTO
THAT SNAKE...

UGH.
CREEPY
!

WH-WHAT?!
A VOICE IN
MY HEAD...?!

BILIN-
GUAL.

IT'S CALLED
THOUGHT
TRANSFER-
ENCE.

WHICH MEANS THAT
OLD GUY'S A MAGIC
USER, ALL RIGHT!

BUT
YOU CAN'T
?

IF I COULD BORROW
THE POWER OF AN
EVEN HIGHER-ORDER
WATER SPIRIT, LIKE AT
ENOCH VILLAGE, I
COULD TAKE THAT
CONTROL AWAY...

RIGHT NOW,
ALL THE WATER
IN THIS HARBOR
IS UNDER THAT
MAGIC BEAST'S
CONTROL.

*note:
This is a joke
based on
NOVA Usagi,
the mascot
of NOVA,
a Japanese
multi-
language
school.



...IN THIS CITY,
WHERE THE
POWER OF
THE SPIRITS
IS HARD TO
REACH...

UNFORTU-
NATELY...

THE IDEA OF
SUMMONING,
IN MY CURRENT
STATE, A SPIRIT
SUPERIOR TO A
MAGIC BEAST...

EVEN
THOUGH IT
IS BEING
GRANTED
PHYSICAL
EMBODI-
MENT...

...THAT CAN
EXHIBIT
THAT MUCH
POWER IS
JUST--

IF I
DID THAT,
YOU
WOULD
ONCE
AGAIN...

BESIDES,
I WILL
NOT NOW
DEPART
FROM
HERE...

IT CERTAINLY
IS STRONG,
BUT WHILE
ITS ENEMY
IS OVER
THE SEA,
IT CANNOT
SUFFICIENTLY
EXHIBIT ITS
POWER.

WHAT
ABOUT
THAT
WHEEL
OF
FIRE?

THAT WAS
A "GOD OF
WOE"--A
SPIRIT OF
FIRE THAT
DWELLS IN
BATTLE-
FIELDS.

THERE'S
NO
NEED TO
LEAVE.

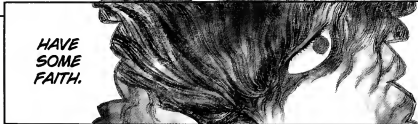
...
WHA
?





...WILL
DO IT!

YOU
AND I...



HAVE
SOME
FAITH.

THE RISK'S
FIFTY-FIFTY
FOR BOTH
OF US.



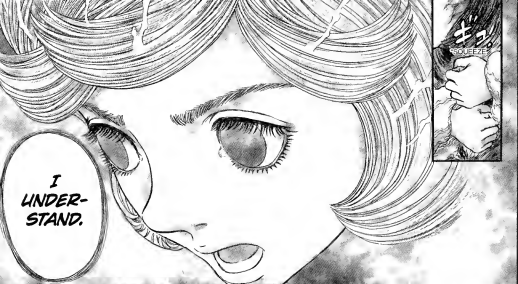
BECAUSE
I HAVE
FAITH.



WE'RE
ONE AND
THE
SAME.

WE'RE
IN THE
SAME
BOAT
HERE...

NO.



I
UNDER-
STAND.



LET'S
GO!!

...I
HEAR
YOU.

SERPICO
...

...BUT
RELATIVELY
SPEAKING,
IT SOUNDS
JUST RIGHT
FOR US.

IT IS
AN
ABSURD
ENOUGH
IDEA...

RESIGNATION
IS LIFE'S FIRST
LESSON.

WE'VE
GOT ONE
CHANCE.

IT'S ALL
OR
NOTHING.



HERE
AND NOW,
ANSWER
OUR CALL.

COME HITHER,
WHEEL OF
FLAME WHO
TRAMPLES.



DWELL IN US,
AND IN THIS
SWORD.

WE OFFER
OUR ENEMY
AS A SACRED
SACRIFICE.

WITH
YOUR PIERCE
HELL FIRE,
BURN AWAY
YON ENEMY.





WHOOSH

SHOOOM





Y-YOU'VE
JUST
SHORTENED
YOUR
LIFE!!



HERE'S A
SOLVENIR
FROM
HELL!

YEAH,
SURE,
WHAT-
EVER!

ゴ 十 十 十
*HONNNNN

*SHDOOOOM





M--

IMPOS-
SIBLE...!



**THUNDER
EMPEROR**

雷 帝

BERSERK







ARE
YOU ALL
RIGHT,
GUTS?!

THIS'S
JUST RIGHT,
FOR COOLIN'
DOWN.

YEAH
...



"FLASH"



THAT WAS
A PRETTY
GOOD
COMBINATION.



YOU NEVER
CEASE TO
AMAZE...

WE'LL HAVE
ANOTHER WESS ON
OUR HANDS WHEN
THAT ARMOR
COMES OFF...

I'LL
SAY.



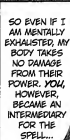
SPEAKIN'
OF WHICH,
ARE YOU
OKAY?

GUTS,
WE MUST
HURRY AND
TEND TO
YOU...!!



THERE
YOU GO
AGAIN...!

DON'T
WORRY.
I'M USED
TO BEIN'
BURNED IN
THIS ARMOR.
I MEAN, THE
FACT THAT
I'M ALIVE'S
PROOF OF
THAT.



SO EVEN IF I
AM MENTALLY
EXHAUSTED, MY
BODY TAKES
NO DAMAGE
FROM THEIR
POWER. YOU,
HOWEVER,
BECAME AN
INTERMEDIARY
FOR THE
SPELL...



DURING
SPELLS, I
IDENTIFY
WITH THE
SPIRITS...

...A SPELL
THIS
DANGER-
OUS
AGAIN...!!

I
NEVER
WISH
TO
USE...

ALL
RIGHT...

DON'T
SHOUT IN
MY EAR
LIKE THAT.
IN MY HEAD,
RATHER.

I NEVER
EXPECTED
THE USE
OF A
SPELL THAT
PUT HIM
IN SUCH
DANGER...

RRR!
WHAT A
FAILURE
THAT
WAS FOR ME.

HE WAS A
CHALLENGE.
AT LEAST THE
SNAKE IS
DEALT WITH.

THAT OLD
BASTARD
SURE IS
TOUGH.

THAT
WISH /SN'T
GOING TO
COLLAPSE
HERE...!

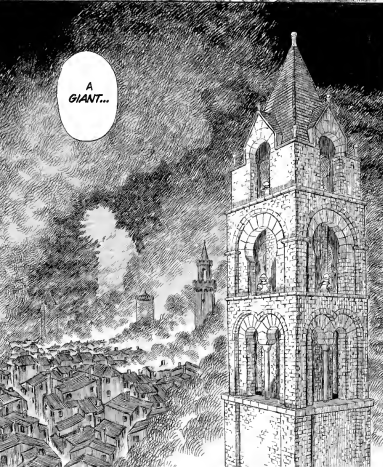
I SO
WISH TO
ESTABLISH
A GREAT
MAGIC
EMPIRE
ON THIS
EARTH!!



**YOU'VE
BLUNDERED,
DAIBA.**

*FX: FWSSS

*FX: RORRRR



A
GIANT...

WHERE'S
THE
ENEMY
?!

RE-
PORT!

WE CAN'T
SEE THROUGH
THE FOG AND
SMOKE!

HEY,
LOOK
...







APOSTLE!!



THAT'S WHAT
APPEARED
AT THE
BANQUET...

B-
BASTARD
WASN'T
JUST A
FACE,
HUH.

MIGHT YOU
BE THE
OWNER OF
THAT PET
SNAKE?

G-G-
GIANT...!!



**NOT ONLY
DID YOU LOSE
MOST OF THE
MAKARA,
BUT EVEN THE
KUNDALINI WAS
SLAUGHTERED.**

**YOU'RE A
DISGRACE,
PARAMARISHA
SEN'AN'I
DAIBA.**



S-
SURELY,
WE HAVE
SUFFERED
A HARD
BLOW...

W-WAIT,
PLEASE!

BUT THE
PISHACA
GANA HAS
NOT BEEN
WIPED
OUT!

IF WE
MASS OUR
REMAINING
FORCES...!

*AGYAHH

*ZZZZAT

*FX ZZZT ZZZAT

SURELY,
YOU
JEST.

NOW,
FALL
BACK.

ARE YOU A FOLLOWER OF MY ARCH-ENEMY, THE HAWK?

?!

ARE YOU A FOLLOWER OF MY ARCH-ENEMY, THE HAWK?

?!

**ESPECIALLY
YOU.
VIRAVADANA
KSHATRIYA.
YOU BEAR
THE SCENT
OF SOME
CONNECTION
TO US OF
THE SPIRIT
WORLD.**



**HUH...
WAR IS NO
A THING
TO TAKE
LIGHTLY.**



**HUH...
WAR IS NO
A THING
TO TAKE
LIGHTLY.**



**HUH...
WAR IS NO
A THING
TO TAKE
LIGHTLY.**



**HUH...
WAR IS NO
A THING
TO TAKE
LIGHTLY.**

ARE YOU A FOLLOWER OF MY ARCH-ENEMY, THE HAWK?

?!



WHAT THE
HELL?

GUTS...

ARCH-
ENEMY...?



THEN
I WILL
SEE...



...TO YOUR
DEMISE
PERSONALLY.

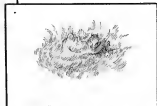


! SERPICO
....!!



OH,
NO!!





*FX ZZZT





YOU
WITH-
STOOD
IT.

VERY
WELL
...

HOHH
...

ZZZZT

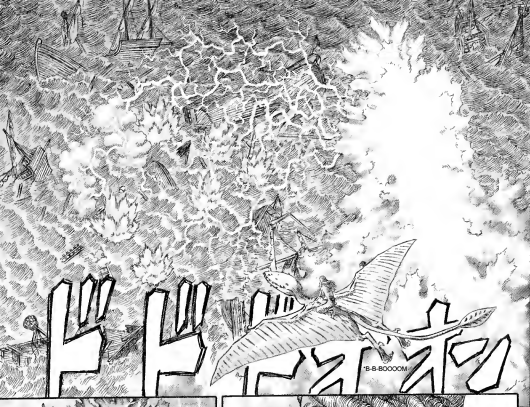


...END UP
BEING A BIG
PROBLEM.

THIS
MIGHT
...

TCH!

IF IT
AIN'T ONE
THING...!

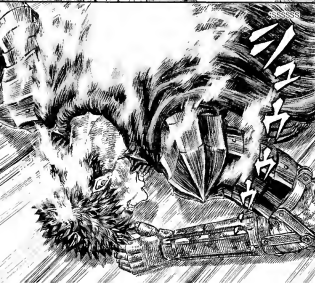






*FX. SPASM

TEACH-
ER!!





GRIND

.....!



.....!



BUT
THOSE WHO
SUFFER MY
POWER...

YOUR LIFE
FORCE IS
ADMIRA-
BLE!



WHAT...?!

YOU'VE SUFFERED
MY LIGHTNING
TWICE, YET STILL
BREATHE...!

...AND GO
TO THEIR
DEATHS.

ALL OF
THEM FALL
PROSTRATE...

CRACK



**ATTACK OF THE
DEMON ARMY**

魔軍襲来

BERSERK





LOOKS
LIKE
IT'S
TRUE.



WH-
WHAT
?!



HE GOT
THROUGH
IT!!

OH,
YEAH
H/H



GLITS
....!!

"STIFF-
NECKED
AS
EVER."

*FX WHEWWW



LIGHTNING
DOES
STRIKE
HIGH
PLACES.





YOU...



YOU
CAN'T BE
A MERE
HUMAN.

MY LIGHTNING NIGH
INCINERATES REINCARNATED
APOSTLES, YET YOU
SURVIVE AFTER RECEIVING
THIS MUCH OF IT...



ARE YOU,
AS I
THOUGHT...

...ONE OF
THE HAWK'S
CAPTAINS
?!



...CAPTAIN.

THE
HAWK'S...



IN TERMS
OF TIMING,
ANYWAY...

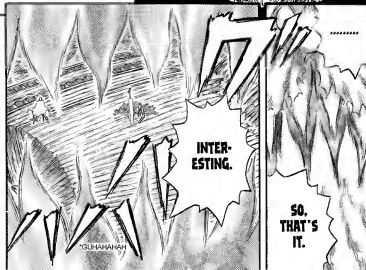
THAT'S THE
WORST
JOKE I'VE
EVER
HEARD.

HEH
HEHEH

**SCREW
YOU.**

**DON'T
MISTAKE
ME FOR
ONE OF
YOU
FREAKS.**

**I'M
PUREBRED
HUMAN,
RIGHT
DOWN TO
THE BONE.**



INTER-
ESTING.

SO,
THAT'S
IT.

GUHAHAHAH



**...ONE
OF THE
BRANDED.**

**SO
THEN...**

YOU'RE...



WELL, IT'S A
MARK THAT
BRINGS
BROTHS
SUCKING
LIKE CATNIP
TO CATS.

...

**WHAT'S
THAT
ABOUT
?**

**BRAND-
ED?**



**WHAT
...?!**

!



**TO THINK,
A SACRIFICE
CONTINUES
TO LIVE.**

**NOW THAT
IS A THING
OF WONDER.**



.....



**I HAVE A
PROPOSAL
FOR YOU.**

...BECOME A
FOLLOWER
OF MINE?

WOULDEST
THOU...



.....



.....

I THINK
THINGS
JUST
MANAGED
TO GET
EVEN
MORE
BIZARRE.



IN
EDWARDS
TO BE
PUNISHED.
I AM NOT
WARRIOR
OF
GODS, SO
I RESIST
THE
THROW
ME.

WHA
...?



...?!



NEARLY EVERY
APOSTLE IN THIS
WORLD HAS
NOW GATHERED
BENEATH THE
HAWK'S FLAG.

NATURALLY,
INCLUDED
AMONGST
THEM MUST
BE...

...THE
ONE WHO
CARVED THE
BRAND
INTO THEE.

S-SUCH
IMPUL-
SIVE-
NESS IS
HARDLY...

M-
MAJESTY,
A
MOMENT,
PLEASE!

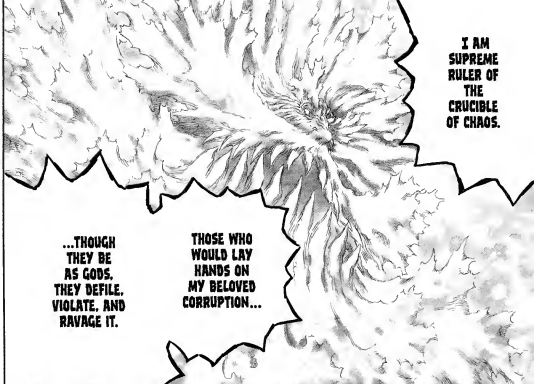
*FX ZZZZZ

THE ONE WHO
GAVE THEE
INESCAPABLE...

...TERROR
AND DESPAIR,
AS WELL AS
HATRED BORN
OF LIVING
IN SPIRITUAL
DARKNESS.

YOUR
MALEVOLENCE,
YOUR MADNESS,
IS INDEED
APPROPRIATE TO
THIS BLOODSTAINED
WORLD OF MAN.

I FIND YOU
AGREEABLE.



**I AM
SUPREME
RULER OF
THE
CRUCIBLE
OF CHAOS.**

**...THOUGH
THEY BE
AS GODS,
THEY DEFILE,
VIOLATE, AND
RAVAGE IT.**

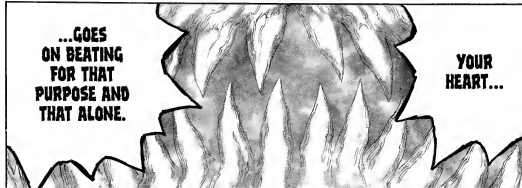
**THOSE WHO
WOULD LAY
HANDS ON
MY BELOVED
CORRUPTION...**



**POUR IT
INTO MY
MILITARY
RULE...**

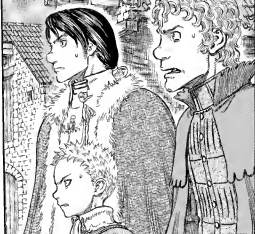
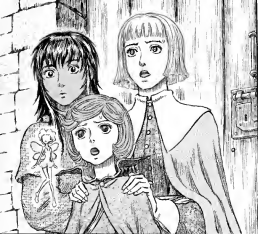
**...AND SINK
THE HAWK AND
THE INSECTS
THAT SWARM
TO HIS LIGHT
INTO A MURKY
SEA OF BLOOD.**

**TAKE THY BLOOD,
IMBUED WITH
MALEVOLENCE.**



**...GOES
ON BEATING
FOR THAT
PURPOSE AND
THAT ALONE.**

**YOUR
HEART...**



NICE.

I CAN'T
SAY I DON'T
APPRECIATE
THAT.

SO IN
THE END,
YOU'RE A
MAD DOG
WHO
BITES HIS
MASTER.



NOW
THIS IS A
SURPRISE
...

AN
APOSTLE
WHO
OPPOSES
THE
GODHAND.

A large, high-contrast black and white illustration of a man's face. He has dark, spiky hair and a wide, toothy grin that reveals his teeth. His eyes are narrowed and intense. The background is dark and textured.

SORRY TO
TURN YOU
DOWN.

BUT
Y'KNOW...

GO ASK
SOMEBODY
ELSE.

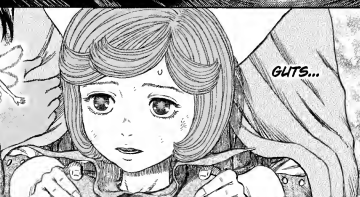
I COULDN'T
CARE LESS
ABOUT
SOME FELD
BETWEEN
MONSTERS.

I JUST
DON'T
HAVE THE
TIME.

A small, winged girl with curly hair, wearing a simple dress, floating in the air. She has a small heart above her head.

YOU GOT
THAT RIGHT
AFTER ALL,
WE'VE GOT A
CUTE AND LOVELY
MAGICAL GIRL.
♡

THAT MANEY
GUY AND THE
OLD MAN
WOULDN'T BE
MUCH OF A
TRADEOFF.

A close-up of a young girl with short, wavy hair. She has a determined and slightly nervous expression, with her hands near her face. She is wearing a dark top with a high collar.

GUTS...



THEY'RE
A PUBLIC
NUISANCE,
**THUNDER
MAN.**

BUT IF
YOU'RE GONNA
FLASH YOUR
LIGHTS, DO IT
SOMEPLACE
ELSE.

BE SUPREME
RULER OR
WHATEVER YOU
WANNA BE.



THAT'S
RIGHT,
YOU TELL
HIM!

STILL
NO
JOB...

LISTEN
TO HIM.

WHY'S HE
PROVOKING
HIM...?!

OH
NO...

HE'S
GONNA
FLASH
AGAIN!



*FX: FLASH

IGH...



WHAT A WAY
TO SPEAK
TO HIS
MAJESTY
THE
EMPEROR
...!

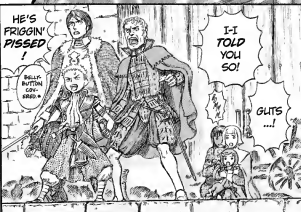
THAT
LOUT
...!



...FOR THE
LIVES OF
MY BEASTS
WITH YOUR
OWN LIFE.

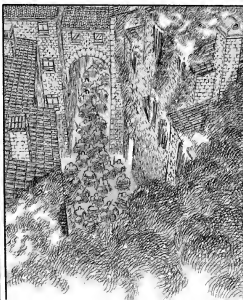
SO
BE IT.

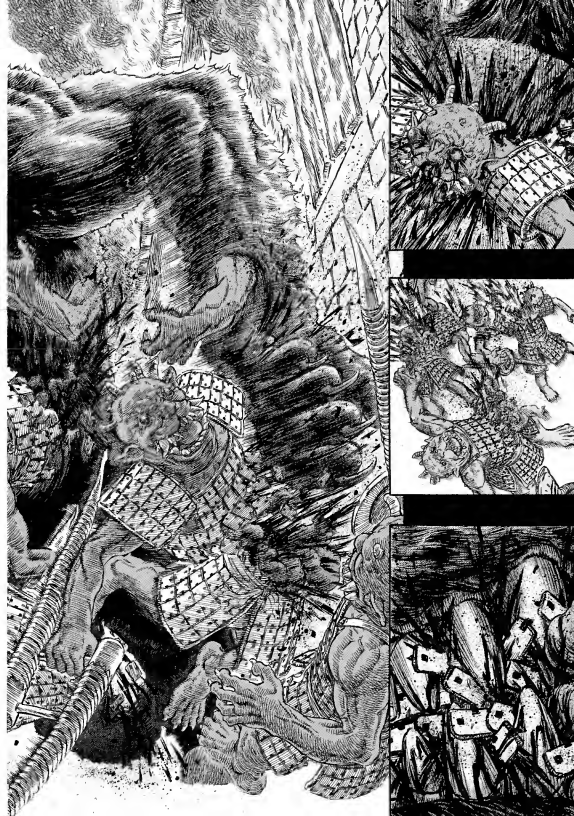
THEN YOU
SHALL
COMPENSATE
ME...

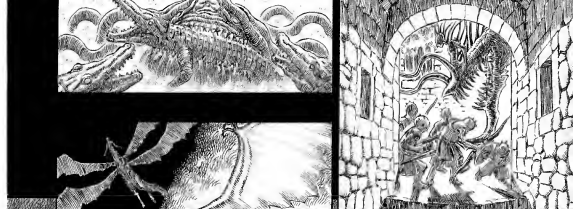
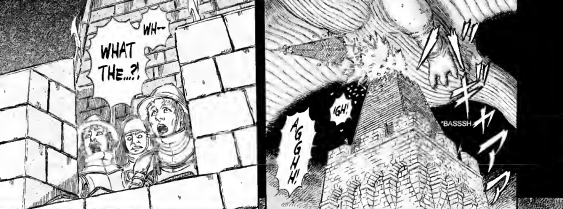


*note: This is a reference to the folk belief that *on* are prone to ripping off a person's navel.
The god of thunderstorms looks like an *on*, hence the connection Puck makes here with Ganishka.











...TO THE
HAWK OF
LIGHT HAVE
COME.

THE
INSECTS
THAT
SWARM...

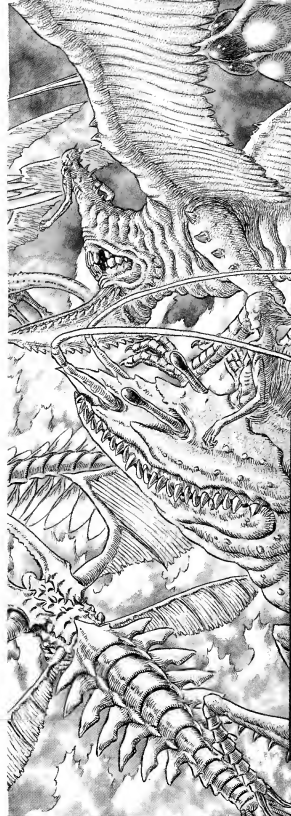


MAJESTY,
THOSE
ARE--





CLOUD CLUSTER 叢雲(むらくも)



IT SEEMS I
HAVEN'T THE
TIME TO BE
OCCUPIED WITH
YOU ALONE.

WHAT
THE
--?!

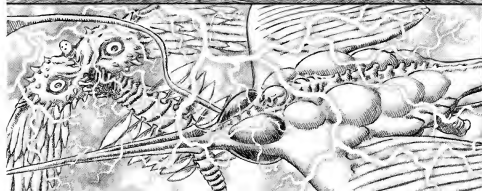


SO, FALL
WITHIN MY
SCORCHING
FIRE.

YOU ARE
HAUGHTY.

...YOU
WEAKLINGS
WHO CROWD
AROUND
THE FIRE.

HOW
CUNNING
ARE...

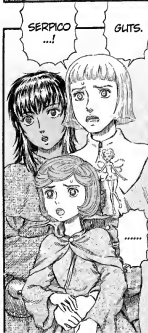




FX D0000SH



FX WHAM



SERPICO
...!

GUTS.



WHAT'S
GOING ON
HERE? THE
MONSTERS'RE
FIGHTING EACH
OTHER...!



I'LL DO
SOMETHIN'
ABOUT THIS
MYSELF!!

GO
BACK!!



*FX BOOM



AS LONG
AS THIS
STANDS,
I'M OKAY!

I'LL BE
ABLE TO
MOVE ONCE
I REST A
BIT!



IT AIN'T LIKE YOU
TO NOT THINK
STRAIGHT! NOT EVEN
YOU COULD CARRY
ME AND STILL HOP
AROUND!

BUT
...

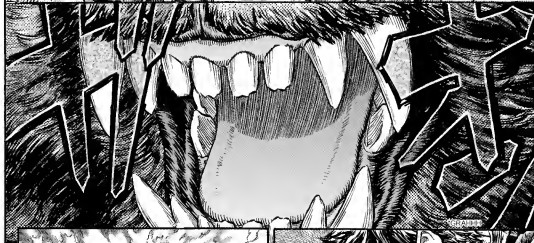


...ALL
RIGHT.

.....



BE
CAREFUL.







*FX GORAHH



*FX CHOOM



*SHOMMM



*FX ZZZZZT



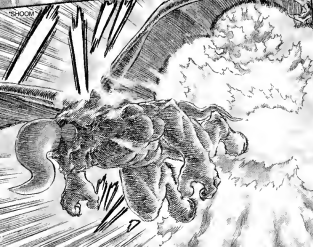


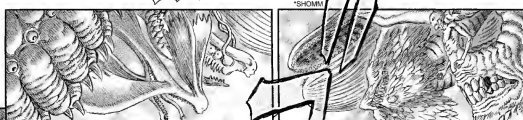


NO ONE IS
CAPABLE OF
WOUNDING
HIS IMPERIAL
PERSON.

YOU'RE
WASTING
YOUR
TIME.





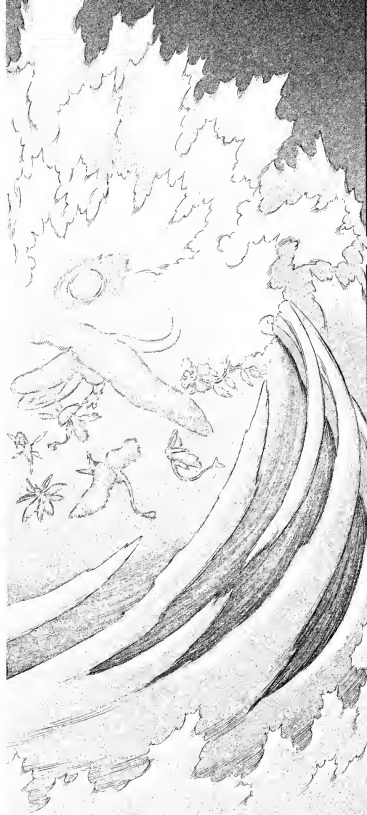
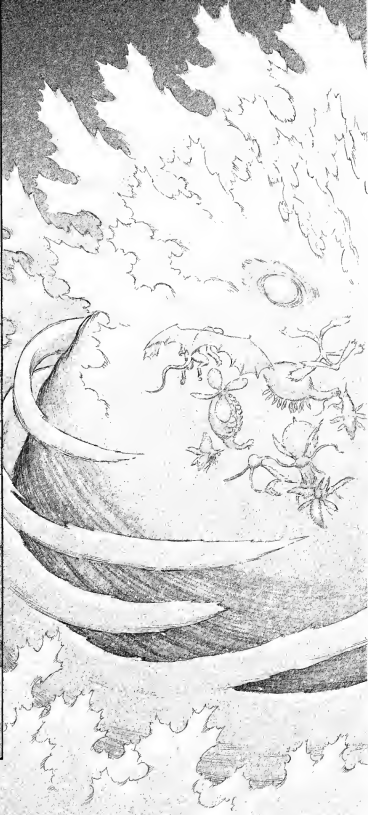






STRUGGLE
ALL YOU
LIKE.

YOU'RE
STILL IN
THE PALM
OF MY
HAND.



*FX. VVASS

YOU
MEAN HE'S
DEAD?

THEY'VE
SCAT-
TERED
HIM TO
PIECES!



NO,
HE'S
NOT!!



*FX. GUMMM



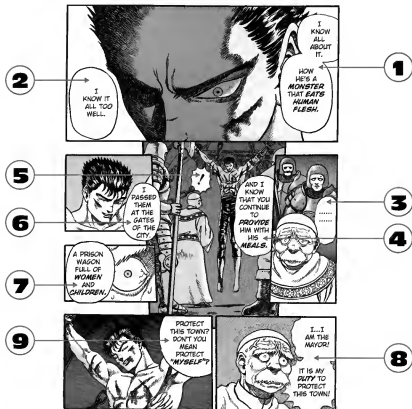




STOP

This is the back of the book!

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BERSERK

**KENTARO
MIURA**

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三浦建太郎

Escaping the port city of Vittonnis is no easy task, for even the finest ship is useless if it can't be reached, and a horde of Kushon monsters stalks the city's docks. Led by an incredibly powerful sorcerer who has mastered both the elements and the monsters of the deep, this force may be too much for the Black Swordsman and his companions to handle even if Guts and Schierke are able to join forces and control the wrath of the Berserker armor. And will it even matter, if the Kushon emperor makes Guts an offer he can't refuse?

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